



Wednesday EXPRESS

Tillicum Community School

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Our Website: <https://tillicum.sd61.bc.ca/>

Mission Statement

Tillicum Community School staff, in partnership with the students, parents and members of the community, is committed to providing a safe, healthy learning environment.

IMPORTANT DATES*

Nov 29 **READY, SET, LEARN** Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, 930 Balmoral Rd. 3:30-5:30 pm

Dec 1 FOOD FOR FUN!

Dec 7 Report card day

Dec 13 Recognition Assembly - gym 2:10 pm

Dec 14 Tillicum STUDENT Gift Sale - gym 3:30-6:00 pm

Dec 20 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 10:30 am
Performance 6:00 pm

Dec 21 Winter Concert Performance 1:15 pm

Dec 22 Last day before winter break

Dec 23-Jan 7 SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK

Jan 8 Back to school!

Hello Tillicum Families,

December is right around the corner! During these cooler, darker days, your continued support in ensuring that students have appropriate footwear, mittens and coats is appreciated. Daily physical activity outdoors is important to the health and well-being of us all.

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen a spike in absence due to illness. Please talk with your children about the importance of hand washing, good nutrition and proper rest to support a strong immune system. To help prevent the spread of illness, especially due to viruses, we ask that you keep your child home if he/she is unwell. Please ensure your child is feeling healthy enough to participate in regular school activities before they return to school. Thank you for your support as we strive to keep our school a healthy learning environment!

Students are busy rehearsing for our winter concert. Dates are Wednesday, December 20 and Thursday, December 21. As usual, our dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and is the only opportunity our students will have to watch the concert. The Wednesday 6:00pm show is reserved for those parents unable to make alternate arrangements

to see an afternoon concert on Thursday at 1:15 pm. If possible, parents, grandparents and family members are encouraged to attend the Thursday afternoon concert. Door prizes will be awarded during the Thursday afternoon concert. Tickets will not be issued for either concert, but you are asked to let your child's teacher know which concert you will be attending. (Or, let your child know so they can inform the teacher). Thank you in advance for your support of our winter concert.

Report cards will be going home next week. Please take time to review reports with your child to celebrate their accomplishments, and encourage their future learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Brent Kelly,
Principal



READY, SET, LEARN today at 930 Balmoral Rd.

This is a free community event for 3 & 4 year olds & their families. Free bus tickets are available at the event. Snacks provided.



Mrs. Dagg's grade one class will be collecting granola bars in support of the Q Radio Station's Food Drive to support the homeless. We hope to reach the goal of **500** bars. If you have granola bars for donation, you can put them in the Christmas train box outside Mrs. Dagg's class room.

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HOME READING PROGRAM

So far this school year Tillicum students have read for 4000 nights. Well done! At this rate, the goal of 5000 nights should be accomplished before winter break, and then students will enjoy a well-earned afternoon recess. READ ON, TILLICUM!

All lost and found articles will be displayed in the lower hallway during the last week of school before the winter break. Please take the time to claim any lost items before December 21.

There will be NO PISE December 14th due to the gift sale. ALL PISE PROGRAMS end on December 15th. No PISE December 14 - 18. Stay tuned for intake information for programs starting in the New Year

1000X5 Three book challenge is on!

If you have gently used, age-appropriate books for pre-schoolers, please drop them into the grey bin by the school office. We are looking to fill stockings for families with young children. Our challenge, for this season, is to find 3 age-appropriate books to donate to the grey bin by the office.



TILLICUM SPORTS CORNER

Tillicum Thunderbirds Basketball Team is practicing on Monday and Thursday mornings in the gym at 8:15 am. They are working on skills and team play in preparation for the Spectrum Family Jamboree that will be coming up early in the New Year.

Tillicum Thundersharks Swim Team continues their Wednesday afternoon training sessions at Commonwealth Pool. Stand Up and Race Meet will be held Saturday, January 20th. This is an important event for new and novice swimmers in preparation for the Elementary/Middle School Preliminary and City Final meets in February.

STAY ACTIVE!

There will be NEW INTAKES FOR PISE AND BURNSIDE-GORGE before and after school PROGRAMS in January. Registration information and forms will be available in the first and second weeks of the New Year.

PAC NEWS

FUNDRAISERS:

Tillicum School's Annual Gift Sale

We are accepting donations of gently used items for Tillicum's Annual Gift Sale For Students. Items, in "like new" condition, such as: books, toys, puzzles, candles, candle holders, small household tools/gadgets, etc. are welcome. We also need donations of tissue paper, wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags and scotch tape. All donations can be dropped off in the office. The PAC is also seeking volunteer gift wrappers for the night of the event. If you have 20 minutes to spare on December 14th, please consider helping out by wrapping a few gifts. If you are able to help please contact debazouri@shaw.ca

The SALE IS ON December 14, 3:30 - 6:00pm, in the gym.

Kids can buy gifts. Bring a list of people you wish to buy for.

There will be baked goods for purchase by donation.

Thank you for gift donations. Please drop off in office.

Royals Tickets Thank you to all the families that have bought and sold tickets for the Victoria Royals so far. We have three tickets left for the Dec. 8th Teddy Bear Night. Also, tickets for the remaining games will make great stocking stuffers! January 13th is Country night and the Kamloops Blazers will be in town! Contact Christine Surridge to purchase tickets cmsurridge@shaw.ca or 250-727-2552.

Grocery Cards Get a Fairway Market card from the office, load it with whatever amount you choose. Five percent of all purchases you make on the card are donated directly to our PAC.

Refundables Bottles, cans and returnables may be dropped off at any Bottle Depot and proceeds donated directly to the Tillicum PAC account.

REPORTS:

TILLICUM CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thanks to the many excellent vendors who participated, and to our wonderful volunteers, cooks, bakers, and patrons. Together we raised \$2367!

EVENTS:

Parent Education - Save the Date: Tillicum PAC together with Colquitz and Spectrum, will be hosting a parent education seminar the evening of Monday, **February 5th, 2018**. The speaker will be **Jesse Miller**, a nationally recognized presenter, who will provide a parent seminar on the topics of **social media awareness, internet safety, and the appropriate use of mobile technology**. This event will be free of charge but a ticket system will be used. Look for information on tickets early in 2018.

NO PAC MEETING IN DECEMBER. NEXT WILL BE Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Child care provided.

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Attention families! If you are registering a new student for September 2018 or are a parent of a grade 5 student, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES that were announced earlier this month.

New student enrolment priorities and proof of residency requirements in effect for 2018-2019 school year.

With the annual registration and transfer request process set to begin in January, schools are preparing for changes to student enrolment priorities and proof of residency requirements. After extensive consultation, new student enrolment priorities were approved in June 2017, to come into effect for the 2018-2019 school year. New proof of residency requirements are also being introduced.

The new priorities place greater emphasis on catchment students attending their neighbourhood school, while including priority for siblings attending a school together.

New student enrolment priorities now in effect for the 2018/2019 school year:

1. re-enrolling students
2. a catchment area sibling
3. a catchment area child
4. a non-catchment sibling
5. a non-catchment child
6. a non-school district child

The new enrolment priorities apply to new registrations, transfer requests and student transitions between elementary and middle, and middle and secondary school for English and French programs. The proposed changes differ from the previous priorities in that non-catchment siblings will no longer have priority over new catchment students, and out-of-catchment students

transitioning out of elementary and middle school will no longer follow a school pathway giving them priority over catchment students.

In the New Year, letters will be sent home from schools to parents of all grade five and eight students. Non-catchment Grade 5s and Grade 8s will have to apply for a transfer during the K-12 Student Transfer Process if they wish to continue on a catchment school pathway that does not align with their current home address.

Every home address in the Greater Victoria School District is connected to a catchment school. New students register at their catchment school and current students wishing to transfer to a different school must apply at their current school. In addition to proof of school age eligibility and citizenship, new requirements are in place for proof of residential address.

New proof of residency requirements

Home Owners must provide two of the following:

- Purchase agreement of home
- Recent property tax statement
- Home owner's insurance
- Notice of Assessment
- A purchase agreement (with subject removal and a deposit receipt if a recent purchase)

If a homeowner is able to only produce one of the above, they will be required to also produce two of the following:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC Vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Insurance documents

Renters must provide:

- A rental agreement signed by landlord with landlords contact phone number

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In addition to the above, two of the following are required:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC Vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Renter Insurance documents

**Please note, personal information other than address and full name can be redacted for privacy purposes.*

Important Upcoming Dates in 2018:

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| January 8 – 12 | Registration for schools of choice (South Park Elementary and Cloverdale Traditional) |
| January 15 – 19 | Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One) Registration Week |
| January 29 – February 2 | Kindergarten Registration and Kindergarten Transfer Week Late French Immersion (Grade Six) Registration Week |
| February 15 – 23 | Kindergarten to Grade 12 Transfer Process Registration open for new Grade One–Grade 12 students for 2018-2019 school year |
| February 23 by 3 p.m. | Deadline to submit transfer requests. Must be submitted to catchment school |
| March 31 | Deadline to inform parents of all transfer decisions |

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Parent Information Nights:

For new registrants to the District, Parent Information nights will occur at S.J. Willis, 923 Topaz Avenue.

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| November 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. | Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One) Information night |
| January 17, 2018 6 p.m. –8:30 p.m. | Welcome to Kindergarten Information night |
| January 24, 2018 6 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. | Late French Immersion (Grade Six) Information night |

Each middle school and high school will also host an information/transition night in the New Year. Visit school websites for dates.

For more information about student registration and transfer process, please visit:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/>

Mr Kelly's EASY SHORTBREAD COOKIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour



Steps

Heat oven to 350° F. In large bowl, beat butter, powdered sugar and vanilla with spoon. Stir in flour. (If dough is crumbly, mix in 1 to 2 more tablespoons butter or margarine, softened.)
Roll dough 1/2 inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into small shapes by hand or use cookie cutters. Place 1/2 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
Bake 14 to 16 minutes or until set and bottoms are light golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Snoopy's friend and constant companion, the little yellow bird, was first featured in the Peanuts comic strip in 1967, but wasn't named "Woodstock" until 1970.



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